

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson

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Exc.: Bates

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Meeting Dates: 5/4, 5/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules requiring entities that administer and receive vaccines from OHA to report to immunization registry and certify that employees have completed training on the storage, handling and administration of vaccines. Exempts entity from training requirement if it can demonstrate that entity or health licensing board imposes adequate training requirements. Requires OHA to consider methods of facilitating redistribution of unused vaccines. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Recent incidents requiring revaccination
- Rate of poor vaccine storage and associated cost
- Burden of poor vaccine management on practitioners, patients and the public
- Practitioner options when vaccines are close to expiration

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires OHA to consider methods of facilitating redistribution of unused vaccines.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2010, the Oregon Immunization Program distributed over \$35 million dollars worth of vaccines to more than 600 clinics, hospitals and pharmacies for administration to eligible children and adults. Additionally, over 50 percent of Oregon's children get their vaccines through the Vaccines for Children Program. In 2009, nearly 60,000 Oregonians were notified that they needed to be revaccinated due to a sub-potent dose. This resulted in a loss of over \$500,000 in taxpayer funded vaccines.

For vaccines to be effective, they need to be stored at the correct temperature, administered at the right age and in the correct part of the body.